

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3739

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 1998

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DISTRIBUTION OF LUMP SUM DEATH PAYMENT**

4 **TO CERTIFIED RECIPIENT.**

5 Section 202(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

6 402(i)) is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the  
2       end;

3           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “death.” and  
4       inserting “death; or”; and

5           (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the follow-  
6       ing new paragraph:

7           “(3) if no person qualifies for payment under  
8       paragraphs (1) and (2), or if such person dies before  
9       receiving payment, to the person last certified by  
10      such insured individual, in such form and manner as  
11      shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Social  
12      Security, as such individual’s intended recipient of  
13      such payment in the absence of any person otherwise  
14      qualifying for payment under this subsection.”.

15   **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16       The amendments made by section 1 shall apply with  
17   respect to lump-sum death payments made after one year  
18   after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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